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Cottage industries in Cuddapah district.

* 745 *Q.*—SRI P. VENKATASUBBIAH: Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state the number of cottage industries registered under the Co-operative Societies Act of 1932, in the district of Cuddapah during the year 1952–53 and amongst them the number of societies that have received Government aid?

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" The following three Cottage Industrial Co-operative Societies were registered in Cuddapah district during 1952–53 :—

(1) T. Sundupalle Neera and Jaggery Production and Sale Co-operative Society;

(2) Simhadripuram Tape Weavers' and Cottage Industrial Production and Sale Co-operative Society; and

(3) Eruvapallam Weavers' Co-operative Production and Sale Society;

None of these Societies received Government aid."

Mayuram Government Hospital.

* 746 *Q.*—SRI K. R. SAMBANDAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the construction of a ward at Mayuram Government Hospital has been stopped; and

(*b*) if not, what is the reason for the delay in its construction?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) & (*b*) In 1951 the Government accepted the offer of one Sri T. Lakshmana Rao to construct a maternity ward of 4 beds and the work is almost complete except minor items of plastering, painting the doors, etc., and provision of sanitary and electrical fittings. These works have been stopped for the last four months. The donor has been addressed by the District Medical Officer, Tanjore, to expedite the completion of the work."

New buses purchased by the Government Transport Department.

* 747 *Q.*—SRI S. S. KOLKEBAIL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any new buses had been purchased by Government Transport in the years 1949–50, 1950–51 and 1951–52; and if so, how many;

(*b*) whether tenders were called for, for the same and if so whether lowest tenders were accepted and if not, why; and

(*c*) what was the cost of each bus, from which company it was bought, and what was the total amount paid thereon?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) No new buses were purchased during the years 1949–50, and 1950–51. Thirty-two new buses were purchased during the year 1951–52.

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"(b) One 'Guy Arab' diesel bus was purchased as a Prototype bus from the manufacturers' sole representative in India, namely, Messrs. Mahindra and Mahindra, Bombay. One 'Leyland' diesel bus was purchased after calling for tenders. The lowest tender offered by Messrs. Ashok Motors, Madras, was accepted in this case. Thirty Chevrolet buses were purchased from the manufacturers, namely, Messrs. General Motors, Bombay, without inviting tenders as experience showed that they were of good quality not requiring major repairs and that they give a better mileage per gallon of petrol than other models.

"(c)

Make of the vehicle. (1)	From whom purchased. (2)	Cost of each bus. (3) RS. A. P.	Total cost. (4) RS. A. P.
1 Guy Arab diesel bus.	Messrs. Mahindra and Mahindra, Bombay.	53,082 5 0	53,082 5 0
2 Leyland diesel bus.	Messrs. Ashok Motors, Madras.	50,187 2 0	50,187 2 0
3 Chevrolet buses.	Messrs. General Motors, Bombay.	25,053 8 0	7,51,605 0 0"

Admission into the Government Engineering Colleges.

* 748 Q.—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Brahman students admitted to the Government Engineering Colleges in the State in the year 1952;

(b) the number of Backward Class students selected in the same year for admission to the above course by open competition and by reservation of 20 per cent seats respectively; and

(c) the number of Harijan candidates similarly selected for admission to the above course by both the methods?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI:—"(a) to (c) After deducting the number of seats reserved for students coming from areas outside the State, 15 per cent of the seats are reserved for candidates belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Tribes, and 25 per cent of the seats for other Backward Classes the remaining number of seats is thrown open to all the classes:—

(a) Number of Brahman students admitted to the Government Engineering Colleges in 1952. 160

(b) Number of Backward Class students selected for admission—

By open competition 21

By reservation 79

(c) Number of Harijan students selected for admission—

By open competition 1

By reservation ... ... 32"